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SUBJECT: OPRED - TRANSFER OF CUSTOMS POSITIONS FROM
MONTREAL TO OTTAWA

1. TREASURY/CUSTOMS HAS REQUESTED THE TRANSFER OF
THREE AMERICAN POSITIONS (TWO AGENTS, ONE SECRETARY) AND
ONE FOREIGN NATIONAL POSITION (SECRETARY) FROM MONTREAL
TO OTTAWA. AN EXCERPT FROM THE TREASURY LETTER OF AUGUST
2 FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. IN ANTICIPATION OF PERSONNEL CHANGES SCHEDULED
FOR THE OFFICE OF CUSTOMS ATTACHE IN MONTREAL, A CAREFUL
REVIEW OF OPERATIONS FOR EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY HAS
INDICATED A MOVE IS DESIRABLE. THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTOMS
ATTACHE IN CANADA IS STILL VERY MUCH NEEDED ALONG WITH THE
LIAISON REQUIRED WITH OUR CANADIAN COUNTERPARTS. THIS COULD
BE MUCH BETTER ACCOMPLISHED IF THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTOMS
ATTACHE WAS LOCATED IN OTTAWA RATHER THAN IN MONTREAL. RE-
LOCATION SHOULD BE OF BENEFIT TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AS
WELL, SINCE IT WOULD LOCATE OUR OFFICE WHERE IT COULD PRO-
VIDE FORMAL REPRESENTATION AT THEIR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.
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2. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF OF MISSION
ON THIS PROPOSAL, INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON THE ADMINISTRA-
TIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITY OF THE EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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